

# VIRGINIA

## SUMMARY OF PLANT PROTECTION REGULATIONS

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### NURSERY STOCK DEFINITION

All trees, shrubs, and woody vines including ornamentals, bush fruits, grapevines, fruit trees and nut trees, whether cultivated, native or wild, and all buds, grafts, scions and cuttings from such plants. It shall also include herbaceous plants, including strawberry and narcissus plants, and narcissus bulbs if the Commissioner determines that the movement of these plants must be regulated to prevent the spread of destructive plant pests.

### GENERAL SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

All shipments of nursery stock into the state must be accompanied by a valid certificate of inspection from the place of origin stating that the nursery stock was free from plant pests.

### NOXIOUS WEEDS

*Lythrum salicaria* and *L. virgatum* (all of their hybrids and cultivars) ..... Purple Loosestrife

### COUNTY OPTION NOXIOUS WEEDS:

*Cirsium arvense* ..... Canada thistle

*Carduus nutans* ..... Musk thistle

*Rosa multiflora* ..... Multiflora rose

*Sorghum halepense* .....Johnsongrass

## QUARANTINES OR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

### COTTON BOLL WEEVIL QUARANTINE

PEST: Boll Weevil (*Anthonomus grandis*)

STATES REGULATED: All

MATERIALS REGULATED: The boll weevil in any living stage, gin trash, cotton seed, cotton plants and used cotton harvesting equipment.

RESTRICTIONS: Certificates and permits may be issued to move regulated materials if an inspector approves that: (1) the materials have not been exposed to infestation, (2) the materials have been inspected and found to be free of infestation, (3) the materials have been treated by approved methods or (4) the materials were produced or handled to prevent infestation.

### GYPSY MOTH QUARANTINE

PEST: Gypsy Moth (*Lymantria dispar*)

STATES REGULATED: All areas identified as low or high risk areas by USDA/APHIS/PPQ or other state legislation.

MATERIALS REGULATED: (1) Trees and shrubs with roots and persistent woody stems, cut Christmas trees; (2) logs and pulpwood, except if moved to a mill operating under a compliance agreement; (3) mobile homes, recreational vehicles and associated equipment; and (4) any other article that could present a risk of spreading gypsy moth.

RESTRICTIONS: Materials may be moved from regulated areas with a certificate attached under the following conditions: (1) articles have not been exposed to infestation; (2) articles were inspected and found to be free of gypsy moth; (3) articles have been treated by approved methods or (4) the materials were produced or handled to prevent infestation.

### EUROPEAN BLACK CURRANT REGULATION

PEST: White Pine Blister Rust (*Cronartium ribicola*)

STATES REGULATED: All

MATERIALS REGULATED: European black currant plants (*Ribes nigrum*)

RESTRICTIONS: Since European black currant plants, *Ribes nigrum*, are capable of harboring and disseminating the destructive disease of white pine, commonly known as White Pine Blister Rust, *Cronartium ribicola*, European black currant plants may not be moved to any destination in Virginia.

#### **BROWN GARDEN SNAIL CERTIFICATION**

PEST: Brown Garden Snail (*Helix aspersa*)

STATES REGULATED: AZ, CA, OR, UT, WA, any other state with a known infestation of brown garden snail or other injurious snails.

MATERIALS REGULATED: Any plants, soil or other article which may move the brown garden snail or other plant feeding snails.

RESTRICTIONS: Regulated articles may be shipped into VA if accompanied by certificate signed by an authorized official from the state of origin stating the articles are free of brown garden snails and other plant feeding snails. Certificates may be issued based on a negative survey, inspection or approved treatment.

#### **IMPORTED FIRE ANT CERTIFICATION**

PEST: Imported Fire Ant (*Solenopsis spp.*)

STATES REGULATED: The entire state or infested portions of: AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, OK, Puerto Rico, SC, TN, and TX

MATERIALS REGULATED: Any plants, soil or other article which may move the imported fire ant in any living stage of development.

RESTRICTIONS: Certification guidelines are those listed in the USDA, APHIS, PPQ Imported Fire Ant Program Manual.

NOTE: See Also Federal Imported Fire Ant Quarantine